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SAN ANTONIO WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that this morning, 37-year-old Wendy Rigdon pleaded guilty to using stolen credit cards and convenience checks issued to other individuals in order to purchase over \$11,000 in goods and services.

Appearing before United States District Judge Fred Biery, Rigdon pleaded guilty to one count each of aggravated identity theft and access device fraud. As a result, she faces a mandatory two years in federal prison on the aggravated identity theft charge consecutive to the sentence imposed (up to 15 years in federal prison) on the access device fraud charge. She is also subject to a maximum \$500,000 fine as well as restitution in the amount of \$11,393.32. Rigdon remains in federal custody. Sentencing is scheduled for 8:30am on June 27, 2008.

By pleading guilty, Rigdon admitted to using fake identifications as well as stolen credit cards to cash both counterfeit and/or legitimate checks sent via the Postal Service to other individuals. Authorities estimate that through her scheme, Rigdon stole mail from more than an estimated 600 individuals.

This case is being investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the United States Secret Service Identity Theft Task Force together with the San Antonio Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Tom Moore is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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